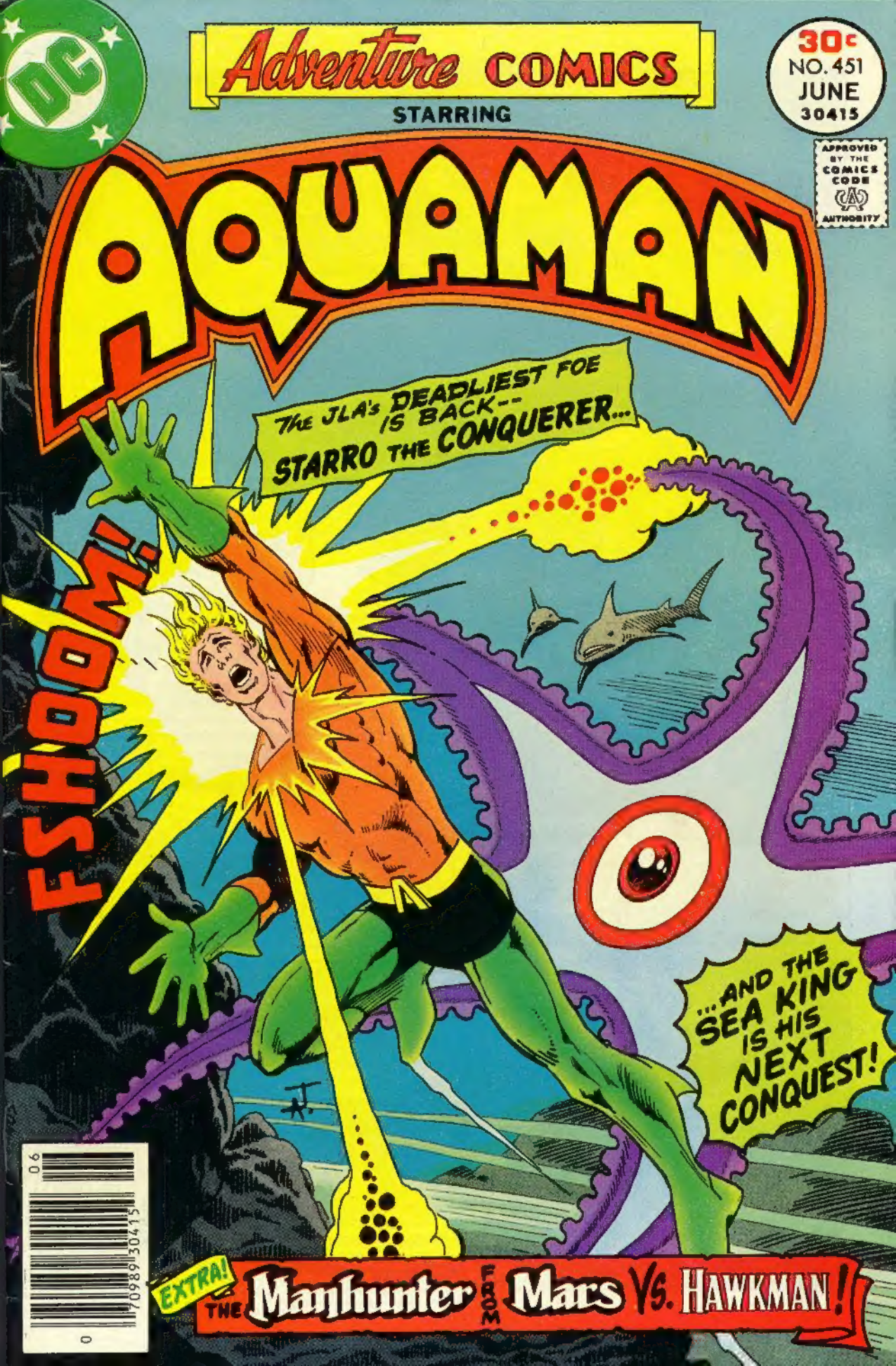
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BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT NOW-- OR EVEN TO WONDER HOW THIS BLASTED STAGHORN CORAL EVER GOT THE MOBILITY TO ATTACK ME!
JUST GOT TO... GET OUT OF ITS GRASP... BEFORE--
=AGH=
NO GOOD! CORAL IS MADE UP OF SINGLE-CELLED ANIMALS --SO DAMAGE TO PART OF IT DOES LITTLE TO HARM THE WHOLE!
WHICH MEANS THAT THE ONLY WAY I'M GOING TO SURVIVE--
--IS TO GO STRAIGHT--
--TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM!
RRRENCH HHH
JUST AS I THOUGHT! WITHOUT A SOLID MASS TO GIVE IT STABILITY, THE CORAL LOST ITS LEVERAGE--
--AND WITHOUT LEVERAGE, IT'S LOST ITS HOLD ON ME!

ONLY IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE LOST TOPO!
BUT BY NEPTUNE, I'LL FIND HIM AGAIN! I HAVE TO!
THE WATERS OF THE SUBMARINE CANYON ARE DARK, UNPLEASANT... BUT NOT NEARLY AS DARK AS THE SCOWL ON THE GRIM SEA KING'S FACE...
...NOR AS UNPLEASANT AS THE MEMORIES THAT BEGAN MERE HOURS BEFORE, WHEN...
REALLY, DARLING, YOU PAMPER ME!
MAYBE SO, MERA, BUT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ALMOST RECOVERED FROM YOUR BOUT WITH THE WEATHER WIZARD*, YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO CAREFU--
* SHOWN LAST ISSUE.
HUH--? TOPO! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, I CAN'T PLAY WITH YOU TODAY!
NOW GO PESTER SOMEONE ELSE FOR A CHANGE!
DARLING--?
I...I KNOW, MERA. I SHOULDN'T HAVE TREATED HIM LIKE THAT. BUT BETWEEN YOUR HEALTH AND AQUALAD'S DISAPPEARANCE, I'VE GOT A LOT ON MY MIND!
BUT, PERHAPS TOPO WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING!
MAYBE! BUT UNTIL OCTOPUSES LEARN TO TALK, I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WONDER!
PERHAPS NOT, HUSBAND! L-LOOK AT THE MONITOR SCREEN!
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WHA--TOPO?! HE'S GOT ARTHUR, JR.--AND HE'S HEADING OUT TO OPEN SEA WITH HIM!
B-BUT TOPO'S NEVER ACTED LIKE THIS BEFORE! I-IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE'S GONE--MAD!
BUT NOW, THE SUBJECT OF WHETHER OR NOT A FISH CAN GO MAD SEEMS OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE. FOR INDEED, AS AQUAMAN'S PURSUIT TAKES HIM AROUND A JAGGED ROCK FORMATION--
--HE SUDDENLY FINDS HIMSELF QUESTIONING THE VERY NATURE OF SANITY ITSELF!
GOOD LORD!
THAT'S JUST WHAT I NEED--MORE QUESTION MARKS! NOT ONLY DO I COME ACROSS A CRAB THE SIZE OF A SCHOONER, BUT THE "PET" THAT STOLE MY SON AWAY--
--IS NOW TRYING TO PROTECT HIM!
BUT I CAN PUZZLE THAT OUT LATER--RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOT A MONSTER TO STOP!
KBASH
OR JUNG! MAYBE NOT! THE WAY THIS REFUGEE FROM A GODZILLA MOVIE IS BUILT, I'LL BE LUCKY TO GET OUT OF THIS IN ONE PIECE!
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I KNOW, THORAN, BUT THIS IS THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO THE ONE WE SEEK!
AND I'M SURE YOU'LL AGREE THAT WITH SO MANY LIVES IN THE BALANCE, SUCH AN OBSTACLE IS WELL WORTH BRAVING!
NOW, LET US CONTINUE TO--
NO, HUMAN, YOU'LL NOT CONTINUE-- UNLESS I WILL IT!
SHRAAD
FOR YOU HAVE ENTERED THE DOMAIN OF THE CONQUEROR--
--AND YOUR FATE BELONGS TO ME!
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...THE RESULTS OF WHICH PROVE TO BE MOST--
--UPSETTING...
THWAN
I NEVER THOUGHT THE GARBAGE THE SURFACE DWELLERS DUMP INTO THE OCEANS WOULD EVER PROVE USEFUL--
KRAK
--BUT THIS PIECE OF POINTED WOOD SHOULD BE JUST ABOUT RIGHT FOR ADMINISTERING--
--THE COUP DE GRACE!
SHWUNCH
THAT'S THE SECOND WIERD MENACE I'VE RUN INTO IN THIS CANYON-- AND FOR THE SECOND TIME IT'S GIVEN TOPO A CHANCE TO ESCAPE WITH ARTHUR, JR.!
LOOKS LIKE MY LUCK'S RUNNING ALL BAD TODAY!
WRONG, HERO--IT'S RUNNING OUT!
SKRAK
WHO--??
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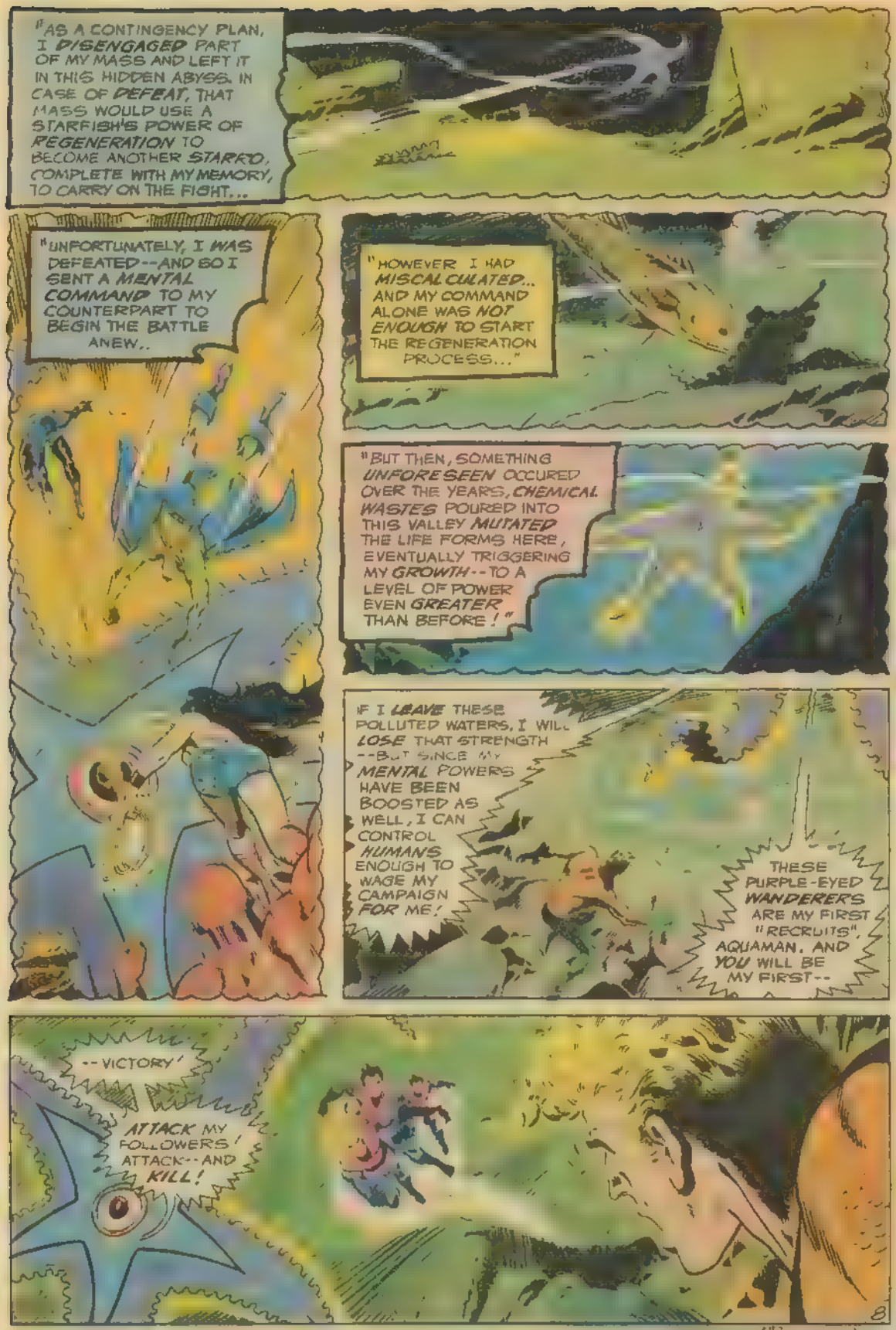
STARRO !?!
THAT IS CORRECT, HUMAN! ONLY IN THIS VALLEY, I AM KNOWN TO MY SLAVES AS--
--STARRO THE CONQUEROR!
AND IN A FEW SECONDS, PAL, YOU'RE GOING TO BE KNOWN AS A HAS-BEEN!
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT OUT OF THAT SHELL OF HARDENED LIME THE JUSTICE LEAGUE PUT YOU IN YEARS AGO* BUT I'M GOING TO PUT YOU BACK!
*SHOWN IN BRAVE & BOLD # 28
I DOUBT IT...
THWAK
YOU SEE, IT WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT TO RETURN ME TO A PLACE I'VE NEVER BEEN!
BUT THEN, PERHAPS I SHOULD EXPLAIN...
"AS YOU KNOW, WHEN I FIRST CAME TO EARTH FROM A DISTANT GALAXY, MY GOAL WAS TO CONQUER YOUR ENTIRE PLANET...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"UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS DEFEATED--AND SO I SENT A MENTAL COMMAND TO MY COUNTERPART TO BEGIN THE BATTLE ANEW..
"HOWEVER I HAD MISCALCULATED... AND MY COMMAND ALONE WAS NOT ENOUGH TO START THE REGENERATION PROCESS..."
"BUT THEN, SOMETHING UNFORESEEN OCCURED OVER THE YEARS, CHEMICAL WASTES POURED INTO THIS VALLEY MUTATED THE LIFE FORMS HERE, EVENTUALLY TRIGGERING MY GROWTH--TO A LEVEL OF POWER EVEN GREATER THAN BEFORE!"
IF I LEAVE THESE POLLUTED WATERS, I WILL LOSE THAT STRENGTH --BUT SINCE MY MENTAL POWERS HAVE BEEN BOOSTED AS WELL, I CAN CONTROL HUMANS ENOUGH TO WAGE MY CAMPAIGN FOR ME!
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WAIT! THAT'S IT! THE POWER!
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--WATER?! REALLY, AQUAMAN, HAVE YOU REACHED DESPERATION ALREADY?
NOT LIKELY, STARRO! THOSE PORCUPINE FISH COME FROM BEYOND THIS CANYON! SO THE WATER THEY'RE BATHING YOU IN--
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--IS FRESH! AND SINCE YOU TOLD ME THAT YOUR STRENGTH COMES FROM POLLUTANTS IN THE WATER, I'M BETTING THAT WHEN THOSE POLLUTANTS GO--SO DOES YOUR POWER!
AND JUDGING FROM THE CONFUSION ON YOUR "SLAVES'" FACES, I'D SAY I'VE JUST WON THAT BET!
SO GIVE IT UP, STARRO!
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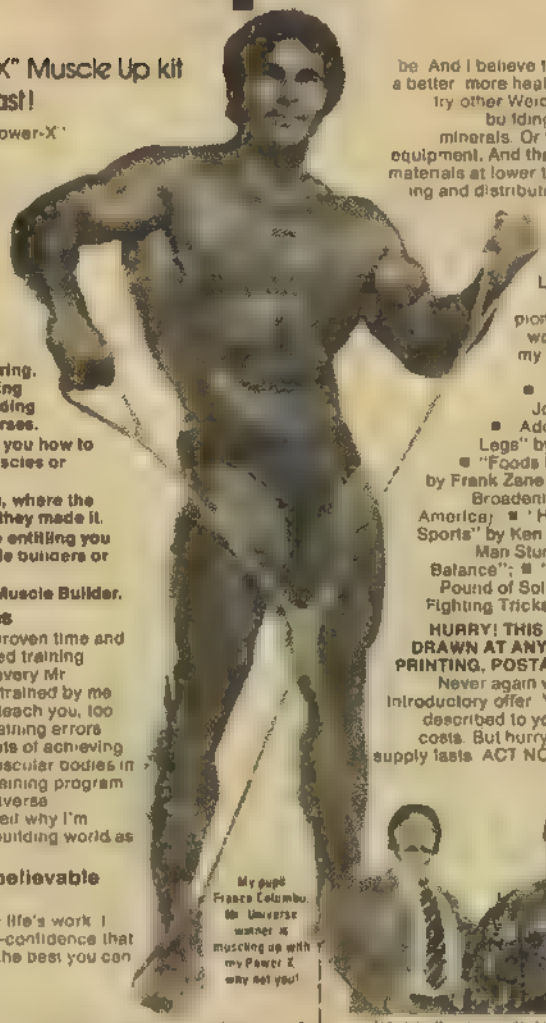

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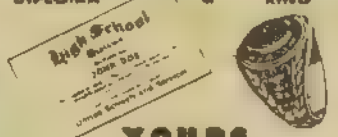

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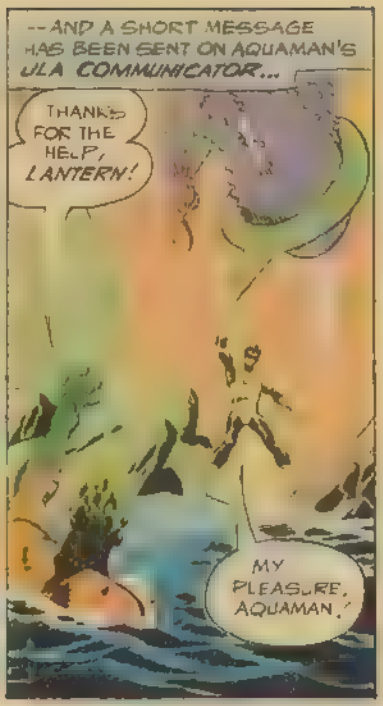

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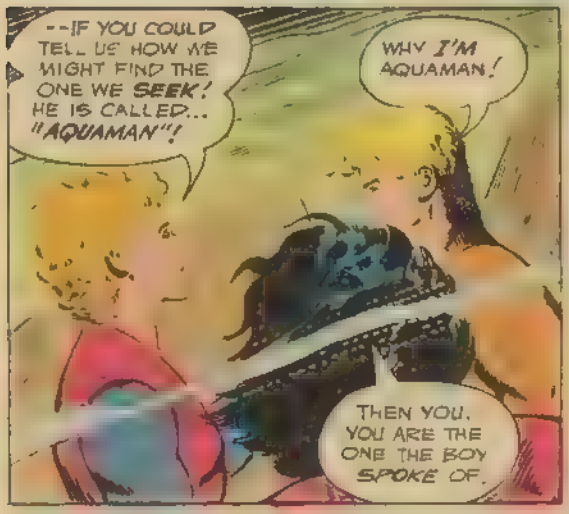
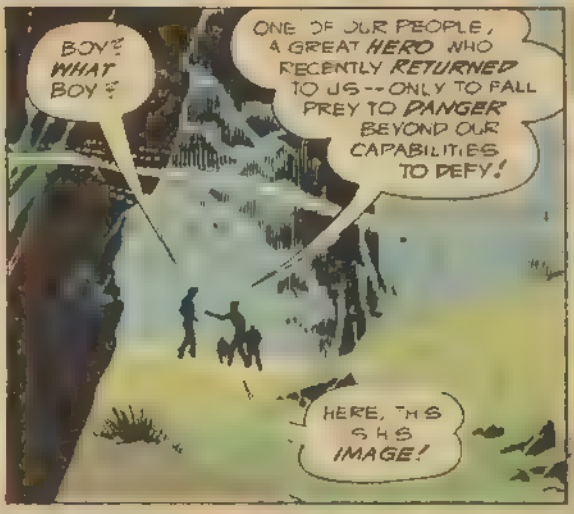

--IF YOU COULD TELL US HOW WE MIGHT FIND THE ONE WE SEEK! HE IS CALLED... "AQUAMAN"!
WHY I'M AQUAMAN!
THEN YOU, YOU ARE THE ONE THE BOY SPOKE OF.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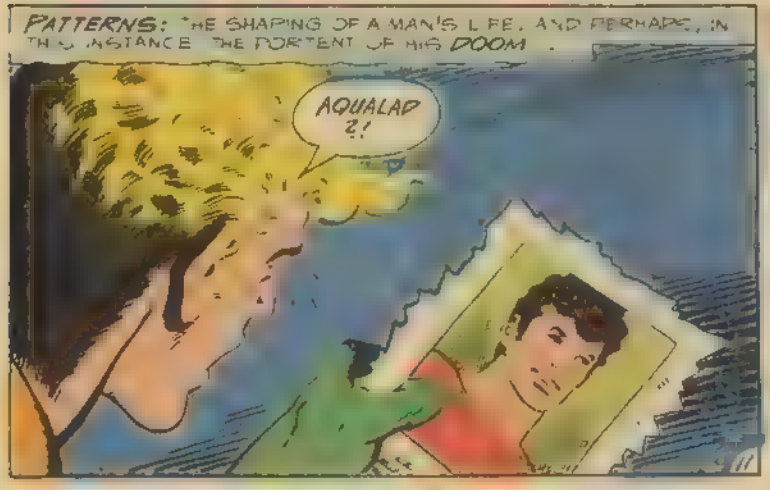

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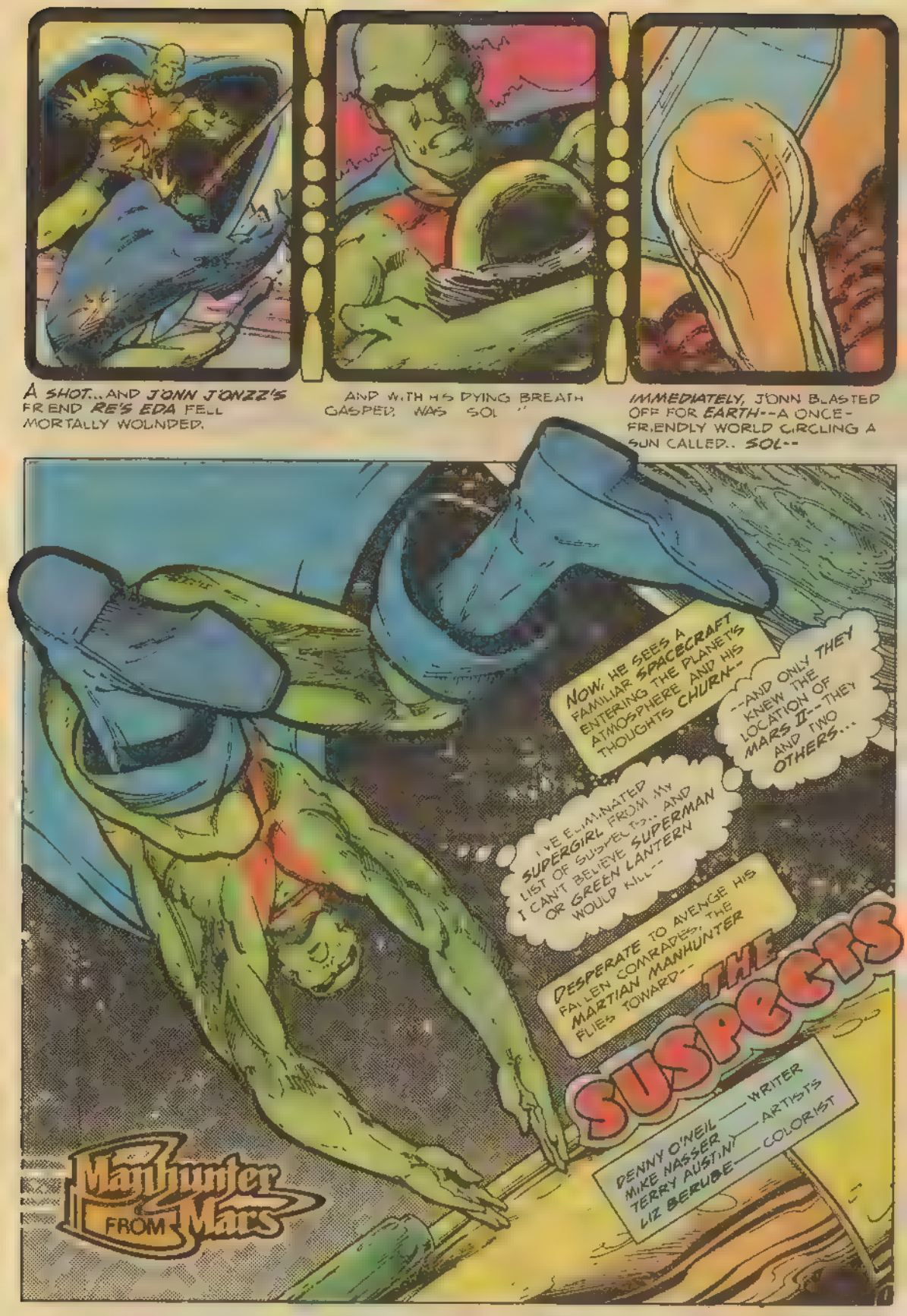
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AND WITH HIS DYING BREATH GASPED: WAS SO!
IMMEDIATELY, JOHN BLASTED OFF FOR EARTH--A ONCE-FRIENDLY WORLD CIRCLING A SUN CALLED.. SOL--
NOW, HE SEES A FAMILIAR SPACECRAFT ENTERING THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE AND HIS THOUGHTS CHURN--
--AND ONLY THEY KNEW THE LOCATION OF MARS II--THEY AND TWO OTHERS...
I'VE ELIMINATED SUPERGIRL FROM MY LIST OF SUSPECTS... AND I CAN'T BELIEVE SUPERMAN OR GREEN LANTERN WOULD KILL--
DESPERATE TO AVENGE HIS FALLEN COMRADES, THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER FLIES TOWARD--
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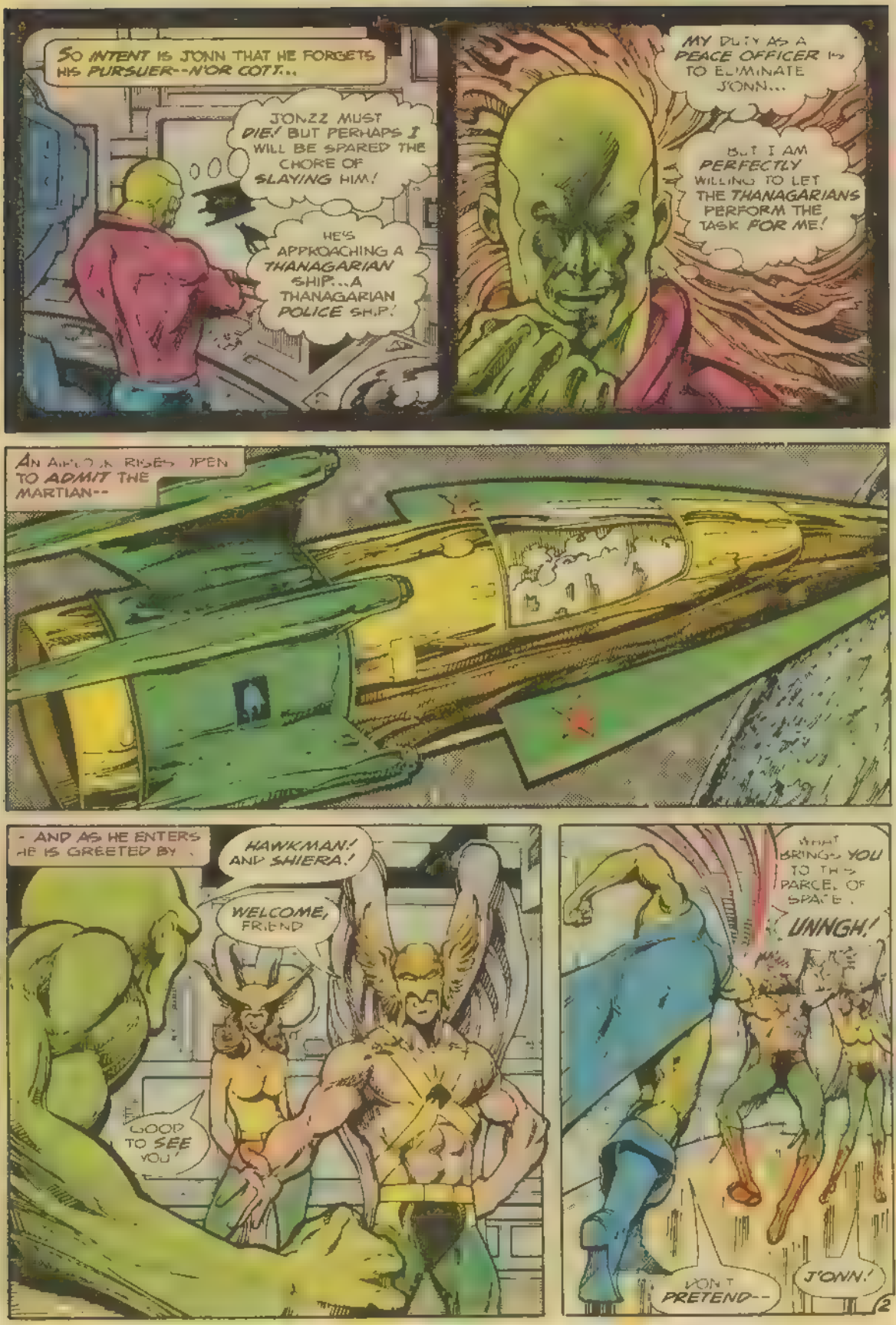
SO INTENT IS J'ONN THAT HE FORGETS HIS PURSUER--N'OR CO'TT...
J'ONZZ MUST DIE! BUT PERHAPS I WILL BE SPARED THE CHORE OF SLAYING HIM!
HE'S APPROACHING A THANAGARIAN SHIP...A THANAGARIAN POLICE SHIP!
MY DUTY AS A PEACE OFFICER IS TO ELIMINATE J'ONN...
BUT I AM PERFECTLY WILLING TO LET THE THANAGARIANS PERFORM THE TASK FOR ME!
AN AIRLOCK RISES OPEN TO ADMIT THE MARTIAN--
- AND AS HE ENTERS HE IS GREETED BY -
HAWKMAN! AND SHIERA!
WELCOME, FRIEND
GOOD TO SEE YOU!
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THIS PARCEL OF SPACE?
UNNGH!
DON'T PRETEND--
J'ONN!
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ARE YOU MAD?
YES FURIOUS! --BECAUSE ONE OR BOTH OF YOU MURDERED MY FRIEND! YOU'RE RETURNING FROM MARS II, AREN'T YOU? YOUR SHIP IS SLOWER THAN MINE! THE JOURNEY TOOK YOU LONGER!
NO! WE'VE BEEN VISITING THANAGAR!
YOU LIE! I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER, WOMAN--
--AFTER I'M FINISHED WITH YOUR TREACHEROUS HUSBAND!
JONN'S LUNGE CARRIES HIM AND HAWKMAN TOWARD THE AIRLOCK--
--AND WITHIN AN INSTANT, THEY TUMBLE WILDLY INTO THE CHILL REACHES OF THE JOVIAN ATMOSPHERE!
J'ONN... LISTEN TO REASON-- PLEASE!
I'M SICK OF LISTENING TO YOU!
I MANAGED TO ROLL WITH THAT BLOW...
.. BUT THE NEXT WILL FINISH ME.
--EHHH!
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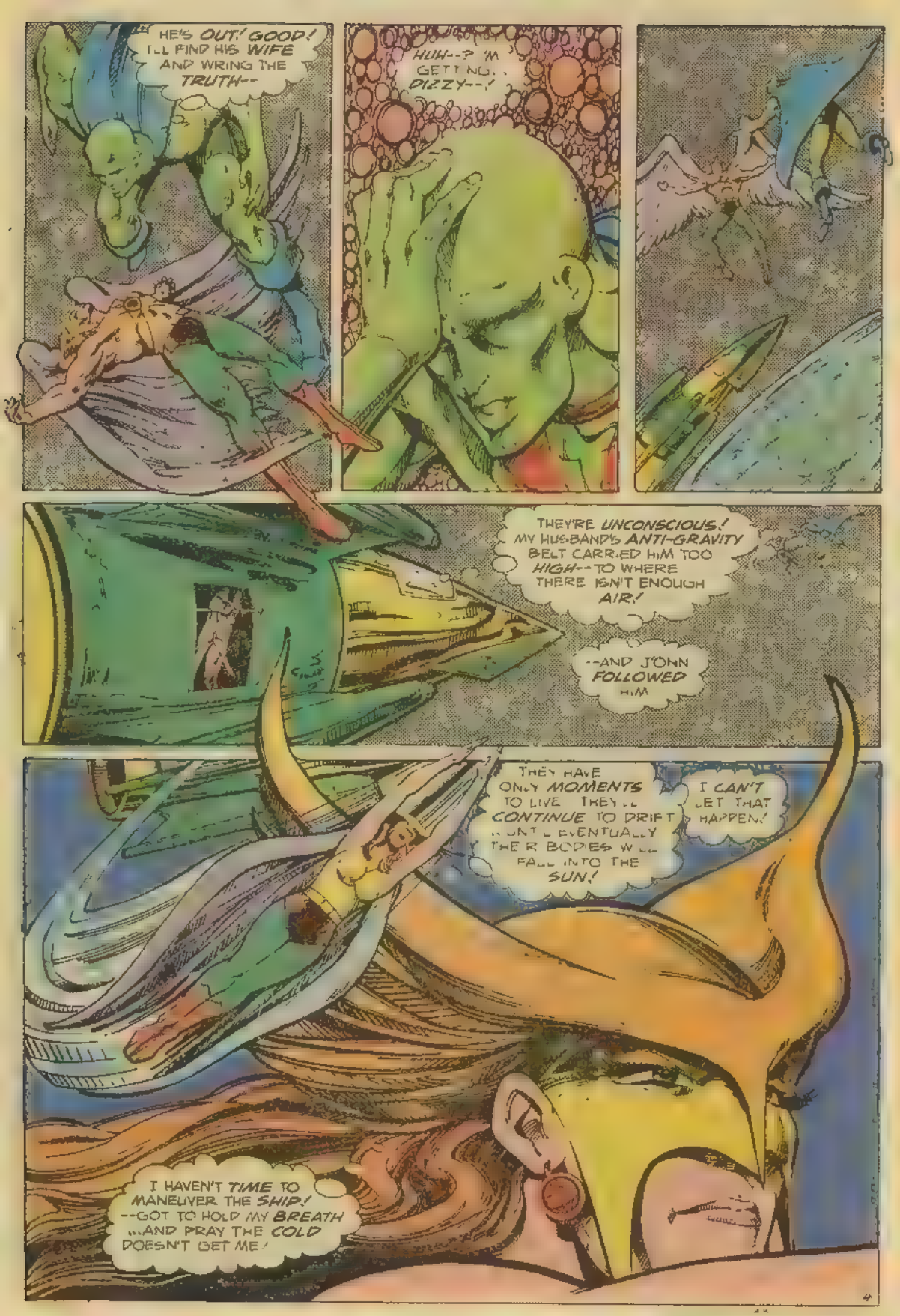
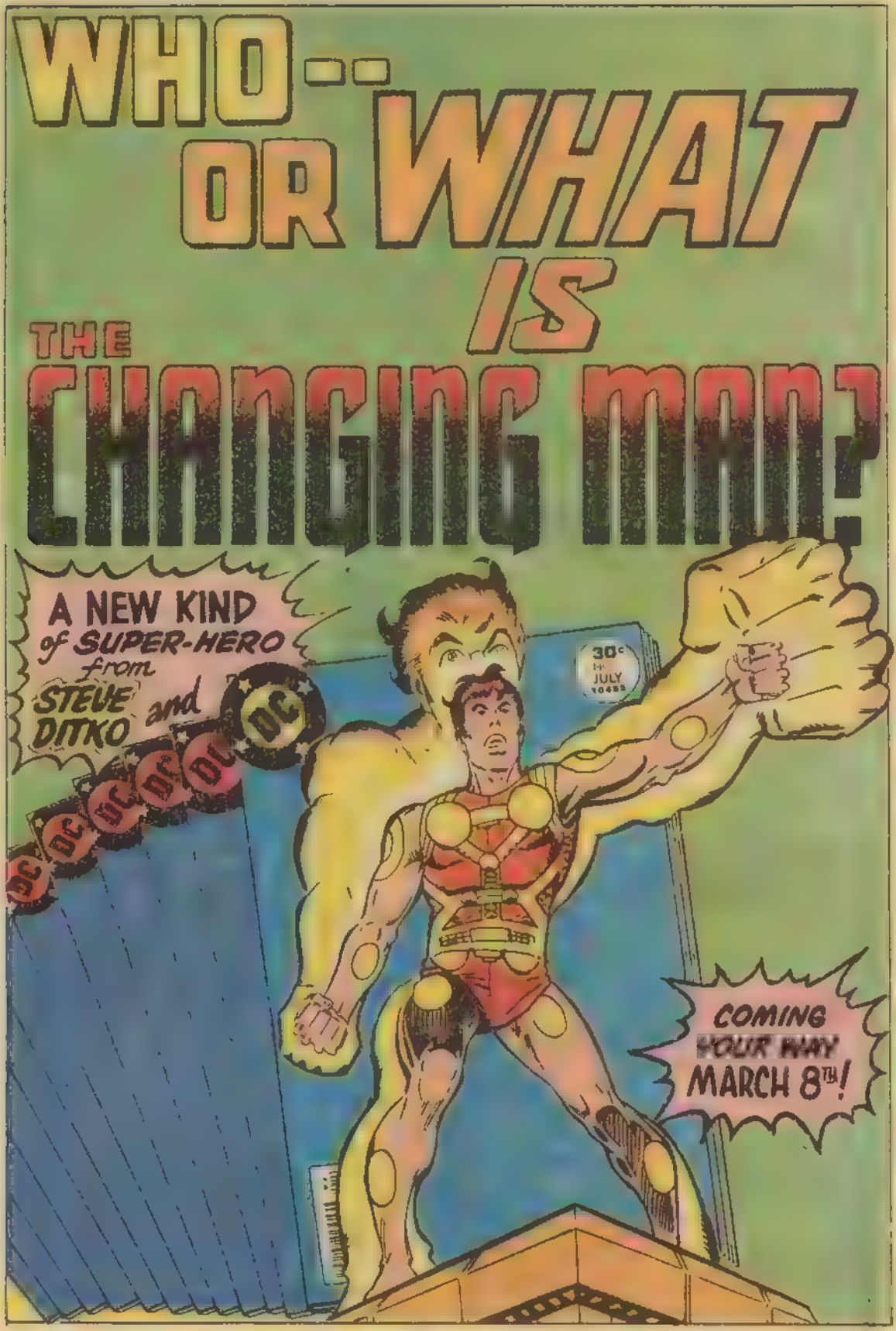

HE'S OUT! GOOD! I'LL FIND HIS WIFE AND WRING THE TRUTH--
HUH--? I'M GETTING... DIZZY--!
THEY'RE UNCONSCIOUS! MY HUSBAND'S ANTI-GRAVITY BELT CARRIED HIM TOO HIGH--TO WHERE THERE ISN'T ENOUGH AIR!
--AND JOHN FOLLOWED HIM
THEY HAVE ONLY MOMENTS TO LIVE. THEY'LL CONTINUE TO DRIFT UNTIL EVENTUALLY THEIR BODIES WILL FALL INTO THE SUN!
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
I HAVEN'T TIME TO MANEUVER THE SHIP! --GOT TO HOLD MY BREATH ...AND PRAY THE COLD DOESN'T GET ME!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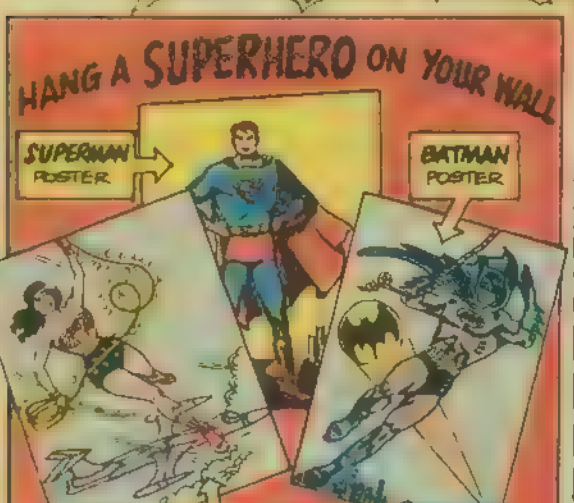

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DATELINE: ADVENTURE

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Dear Paul,

Skeates and Aparo are the best combination since salt and pepper. They work well apart but together they turn out fantastic words and beautiful lines.

The Sea King has been a personal favorite of mine since the Giordando-Aparo-Skeates collaboration of some seven years . . . and by the looks of it, there's no reason to stop now. I'm also glad to hear Aparo enjoys the strip so much, which means he'll be staying on it for some time to come.

"Mission: Catch A Killer" is another team-up that is worth about three months on non-stop praise. O'Neil-Nasser-Austin could make J'onn J'onzz a daily household name. Any chance of a three issue crossover from front to back (a la the **Aquaman-Deadman** story some years ago?)

Don Secrease
Saint Louis, Missouri

No *Aquaman-Manhunter* cross-over, we're afraid, but JJ is going to meet twin titans of super-heroics in the next *WORLD'S FINEST COMICS*, where his saga wraps up (for the moment). And if you doubt the value of buying a Dollar Comic for one story (even a 20-page Haney-Swan-Anderson classic), then note that old *ADVENTURE* favorite the *Vigilante* highlights that self-same issue, with Gray Morrow back in the saddle as artist.

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Dear Paul,

"The Menace Of The Marine Marauder" was sort of a let-down from the "Sea-Kind In Exile" series, but I would have paid the 30¢ just to see Steve Skeates' name in the credits. I really liked your scripts, but while you have Steve, exploit him to the fullest.

This new **Martian Manhunter** series is really one of the best in a long time. The script and art give us something we haven't run across in a while, the original **Manhunter From Mars.** I guess it won't run more than its designated three parts, but even so it's destined to become a sort of mini-classic.

Michael Carline
Bronx, New York

We bow to no one in our appreciation of the Jack Miller-Joe Certa *Manhunter From Mars*, and that's certainly what inspired us to try out the new series. But as for the three part limit, there's no limit to anything that's exciting—and that means the *Manhunter* will be around somewhere in the *DC* line-up for some time to come.

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Dear Steve and Jim,

It sure was great seeing you guys reunited on **Aquaman** in **ADVENTURE COMICS** #449. Your creative team has seldom been better. Why have you two taken so long to get back together?

The script helped to further the high quality which **ADVENTURE** has maintained. It's nice to see a general rise in continuity at **DC.** The Marine Marauder is the first new super-villain to confront **Aquaman** in some time (not counting Karshon, alias the Shark) and possessing the powers similar to the telepathic abilities of **Aquaman** should give the sea king quite a hassle in the future.

Jim's graphics astound me every time I set eyes on his work. After the old **AQUAMAN** mag was cancelled I never thought we'd see them again, but I'm happy I was wrong!

Jeff Albrecht
337 Brandt Hall
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Unfortunately Steve and Jim's reunion was short-lived, but David is keeping up the fine work (in our editorial opinion) and we think you'll be even more amazed by what he does next issue, in his first full-length novel! And to add icing to the cake, there'll be a special Aqua-announcement next time that should be a pleasant surprise. Until then, keep your comments coming to: DATELINE: ADVENTURE, DC Comics, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10019.

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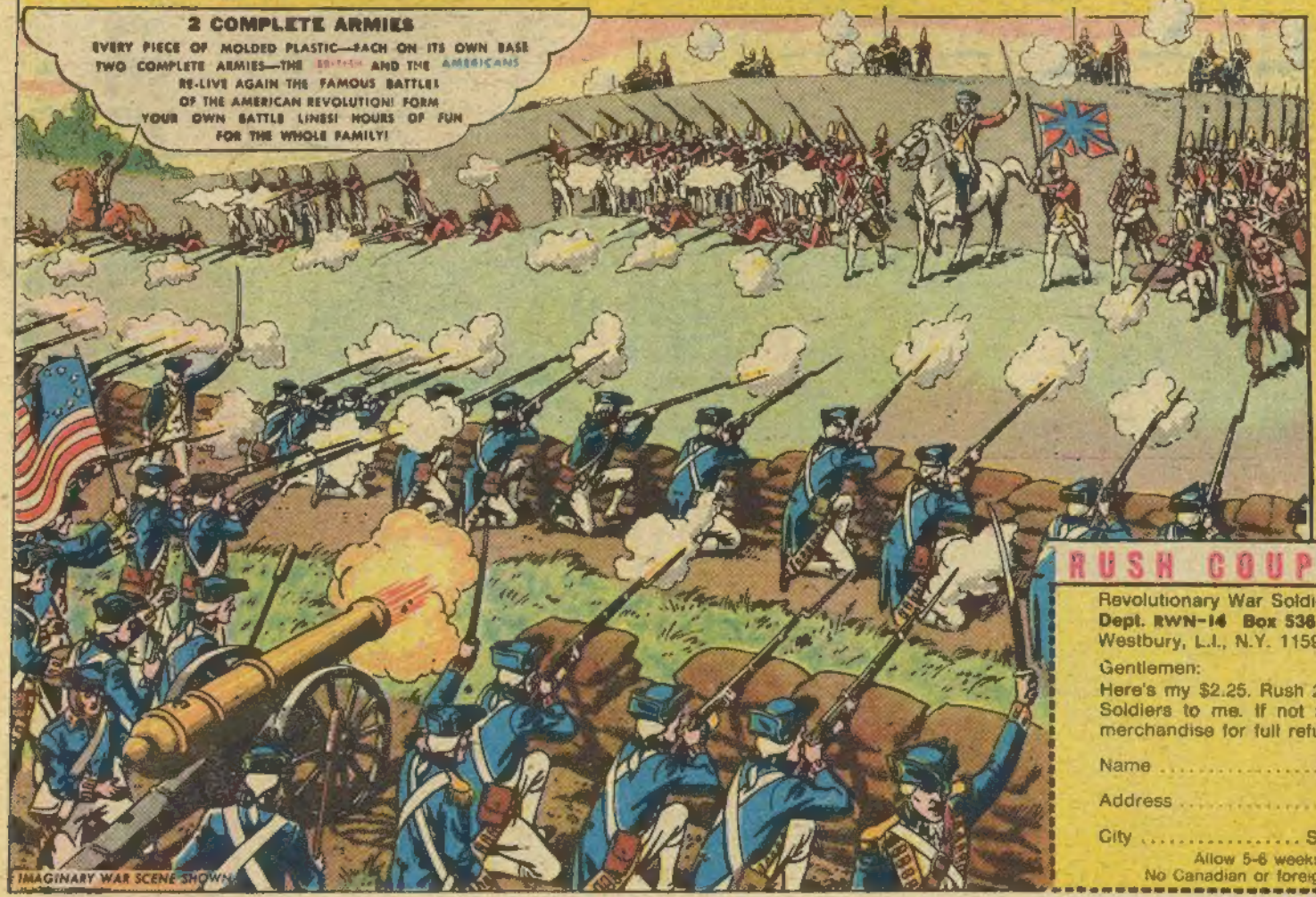

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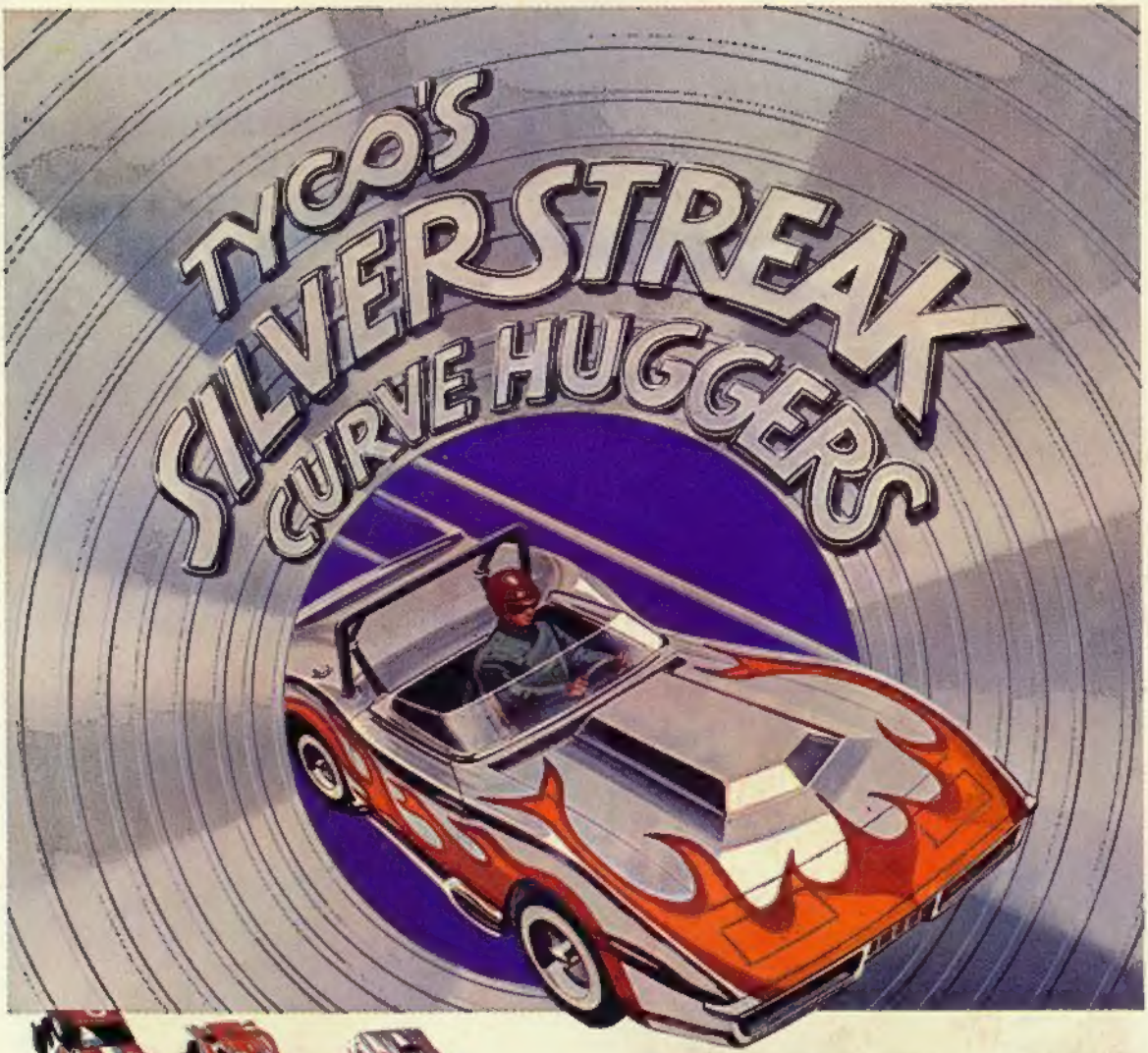

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